

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

JOHN ANDREW KISTER, # 264274,)
Petitioner,)
v.) CASE NO. 2:21-cv-444-WHA-JTA
PATRICE RICHIE JONES, *et al.*,) (WO)
Respondents.)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

I. INTRODUCTION

John Andrew Kister, an Alabama inmate at the Bullock Correctional Facility in Union Springs, initiated this action by filing a petition in which he seeks habeas corpus relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Doc. 1. In his § 2254 petition, Kister challenges his 2008 conviction in the Circuit Court of Morgan County for robbery in the first degree. Kister was sentenced as a habitual felony offender to life imprisonment.

II. DISCUSSION

Title 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d) allows Kister to bring a § 2254 habeas petition in either (a) the federal district court for the district wherein he is in custody (the Middle District of Alabama, where the Bullock Correctional Facility is located), or (b) the federal district court for the district within which the state court that convicted and sentenced him was held (the Northern District of Alabama, where the Circuit Court of Morgan County is located). Section 2241(d) provides that this court “in the exercise of its discretion and in furtherance of justice,” may transfer a petitioner’s § 2254 petition to “the district court for the district

within which the State court was held which convicted and sentenced [the petitioner].” 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

The matters complained of by Kister stem from his conviction and sentence entered by the Circuit Court of Morgan County. The records and witnesses relating to these matters are likely to be located in Morgan County. Therefore, this court finds that the furtherance of justice and judicial economy will be best served by transferring this case to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama for review and disposition.

III. CONCLUSION

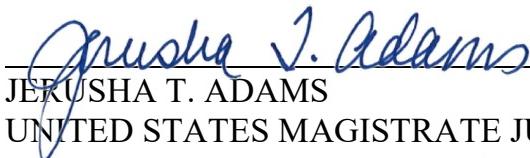
Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge that this case be TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama under 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

It is further

ORDERED that the parties shall file any objections to this Recommendation by **July 27, 2021**. A party must specifically identify the factual findings and legal conclusions in the Recommendation to which objection is made; frivolous, conclusive, or general objections will not be considered. Failure to file written objections to the Magistrate Judge’s findings and recommendations in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) shall bar a party from a *de novo* determination by the District Court of legal and factual issues covered in the Recommendation and waives the right of the party to challenge on appeal the District Court’s order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions accepted or adopted by the District Court except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice. *Nettles v. Wainwright*, 677 F.2d 404 (5th Cir. 1982); 11TH CIR. R.

3-1. See *Stein v. Lanning Securities, Inc.*, 667 F.2d 33 (11th Cir. 1982). See also *Bonner v. City of Prichard*, 661 F.2d 1206 (11th Cir. 1981) (en banc).

DONE this 12th day of July, 2021.



JEKUSHA T. ADAMS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE